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Serial No. 10/777,240 : Group Art Unit: 1746
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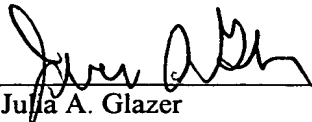
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